

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (15/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Clemente, Dean, Johnson, Huizenga (4/19)

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on February 12, 2008. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4619** before the committee.

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| HB 4619 Meisner | Income tax; credit; credit for new businesses for premiums paid for an eligible health benefit plan; provide for. |
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Chair Meisner explained the intent of the bill and a proposed Substitute (H-1).

Ashley Gelisse, from the House Democratic Policy Office, answered questions.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Mike Batterbee, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan;

Tricia Kinley, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce; and

Charles DeVries, representing Automation Alley.

Representative Accavitti moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4619**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (14/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Robert Jones moved to report **House Bill 4619**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (14/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5600** before the committee.

HB 5600 Sak Economic development; renaissance zones; eligibility criteria; provide for certain modifications.

Representative Sak explained the intent of the bill and a proposed Substitute (H-3).

James McBryde, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **support** of the bill and the proposed Substitute (H-3).

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt **Substitute (H-3)** to **House Bill 5600**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (15/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Valentine moved to report **House Bill 5600**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-3)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (15/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Hildenbrand moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Clemente, Dean, Johnson, and Huizenga**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **9:43 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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